

Region 3 South 1624 Meeting
Kelso
September 11, 2012

Present: Vancouver - 2 foster parents, RFTI trainer, Kelso - 4 staff, 10 foster parents, Centralia - 1 foster parent, 2 staff, Tumwater/Shelton - 2 staff, Long Beach – 1 foster parent - Peggy Hays representing Region 3 South.

TOPIC	SPEAKERS	CONTENT	DISCUSSION/ TASKS/ASSIGNMENTS
Updates: 1624 Statewide Mtg	Amy Gardner	<p>Review of two issues sent to Statewide meeting in July from R3S</p> <p>Can CA pay for day care for foster parents to attend mandatory training?</p> <p>Placement of children who are sex offenders – inadequate reimbursement, supervision issues, etc.</p>	<p>Amy reports John Marsh states it is not possible for CA to pay for child care during mandatory foster parent training. Child care can only be paid for when foster parents are working. Discussion on other ways to secure child care through local community resources ie: fp associations, churches, local non-profits, (Big Brother Big Sister, Boys and Girls Club, etc) or even fundraisers to pay someone to provide the day care.</p> <p>Amy did not feel the issue regarding adequate rate assessment for youth who are sex offenders was really discussed thoroughly at the Statewide meeting. The rate assessment stays at level one for first 30 day and is then reassessed. Becky did say she would have RA's identify special model homes and take a look at those, especially in regards to training, support, etc. Consensus to from a work group to look at this – Amy will take the lead.</p>

		<p>Other issues brought forth at Statewide meeting from other regions</p> <p>More times needed on the weekends and week days for training</p> <p>Concurrent planning/permanent planning</p> <p>Inconsistent rates - no process for assessing level of care</p> <p>Respect/Disrespect shared by FPAWS</p>	<p>A charted training plan has been issued from RFTI for the remainder of the yr – and sent to all foster parents.</p> <p>Training to start with SW’ers</p> <p>Workgroup identified by Becky</p> <p>Subgroup formed – meeting before the end of September</p>
Roll call of topics from other REG 3S offices	<p>South Bend</p> <p>Centralia</p> <p>Centralia (cont)</p> <p>Kelso</p> <p>Tumwater</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue looking at childcare during mandatory training • Respite – inability to secure respite due to lack of resources • Again, the rate assessment for RSO – and BRS youth – inadequate, not timely, questions don’t match to supervision needs, etc. • Clothing vouchers – why do some offices have them and other don’t • Clarification on travel requirements • Same concerns as last month – travel restrictions, and timely rate assessments • Another respite issue – lack of resources due to fp required to claim payment on their taxes. 	

Roll call of topics from offices	Amy Gardner	<p>TOPICS VOTED TO MOVE TO STATEWIDE MEETING</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Respite</u> – lack of available respite homes/beds, and lack of respite due to foster parent reporting requirement to include payments with income on taxes. 2. <u>Placement of sex offenders and BRS youth in foster homes.</u> Specifically inadequate reimbursement rate for caring for youth who are sex offenders and/or BRS youth. 	
Miscellaneous	Peggy Hays	<p>Nominations are currently open for CAPTA (1624) reps for Region 3 South and R3 North. Office leads have applications/forms. Information also available on CAPTA blog, Deadline is October 5th. Feel free to call or contact Peggy Hays with any questions.</p> <p>Recognition of CAPTA – for five years!! Many positive changes – (we have the list) – with policy, procedures, clarifications etc. accomplished over the years. This is a very worthwhile partnership and foster parents as well as CA are to be commended for developing such a great team! Also acknowledgement and thanks to Amy Gardner, who has been involved with the Region 3 South committee since the beginning! Her passion and determination is unyielding!</p>	
Next meeting	Peggy Hays	10:00 am – December 11, 2012	Vancouver DCFS 907 Harney Vancouver, WA 98601

